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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON TURKISH BORDER-CROSSING RESTRICTIONS

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1. RESTRICTIONS ON ENTERING/DEPARTING TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS VIA LEDRA PALACE CHECKPOINT IN NICOSIA HAVE NOW BEEN RELAXED. FOLLOWING ASSASSINATIONS OF TURKISH AMBASSADORS IN VIENNA AND PARIS IN LATE OCTOBER, IT WILL BE RECALLED, TURKISH AUTHORITIES CLOSED BORDER INTO TURKISH AREA TO ALL BUT DIPLOMATIC AND UN PERSONNEL, OSTENSIBLY FOR SECURITY REASONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN THE NORTH AND REPRESENTATIONS FROM VARIOUS EMBASSIES, TURKS RELAXED RESTRICTIONS ON ARBITRARY BASIS, FIRST FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS ONLY AND THEN MORE GENERALLY.

2. UNDER NEW SYSTEM, FOREIGN RESIDENTS OF THE NORTH WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH THE "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS" MAY NOW ENTER AND EXIT TURKISH AREA FROM 0800-1800 HOURS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OR ADVANCE

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NOTICE. CUMBERSON AD HOC SYSTEM OF SPECIAL PASSES

APPLIED FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE HAS THUS BEEN  
ABANDONED AND TRAVELLERS NOW SIMPLY DEPOSIT "TFSC"  
IDENTITY CARDS WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES ON LEAVING AND  
PICK THEM UP ON RETURNING. FOREIGN RESIDENTS ARE PER-  
MITTED TO BRING IN THEIR PURCHASES FROM THE GREEK  
ECONOMY, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT BUY IN EXCESS OF THEIR  
PERSONAL NEEDS. HOWEVER, THEY MAY NOT BRING BACK  
EXTRA PASSENGERS EXCEPT WITH SPECIAL ADVANCE PERMISSION.

3. DIPLOMATIC AND UN PERSONNEL MAY CROSS BORDER WITH-  
OUT ADVANCE NOTICE UNTIL 1800 HOURS. EMBASSY STAFF  
WITH OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ARE PERMITTED CROSS BORDER  
PROVIDED THEY GIVE 48-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE. IN  
ADDITION, TURKS HAVE IN SOME CASES RECENTLY PERMITTED  
HOLDERS OF REGULAR PASSPORTS TO ENTER INTO TURKISH  
CONTROLLED AREA PROVIDED THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY  
EMBASSY EMPLOYEE HAVING EITHER DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL  
PASSPORT.  
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